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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: 2005-2006 TRADOC Influenza Immunization Program

1. References:

- a. Memorandum, United States Army Medical Command, MCCS, 31 Aug 05, subject: Policy for Influenza Immunization, 2005-2006 Season.
- b. TRADOC Regulation 350-6, Initial Entry Training (IET) Policies and Administration, 15 Aug 03, and Change 2, paragraph 3-23, 16 Jun 04.
- 2. Vaccination against influenza virus is the primary means of preventing influenza. The Army's 2005-2006 Influenza Immunization Program begins in October 2005 as influenza vaccine arrives at each installation. This year, the goal of the Army program is the vaccination of the total force, including all Active Duty and activated Reserve Component personnel. An efficient and successful TRADOC immunization program will require the full cooperation of TRADOC leaders and staff.
- 3. Your emphasis on immunizing IET Soldiers and cadre resulted in no influenza outbreaks during the 2004-2005 flu season. Your installation Director of Health Services (MEDCEN, MEDDAC, or Army Health Clinic Commander) will coordinate and schedule influenza immunizations for your installation. Should there be a vaccine shortage, Medical Treatment Facilities will prioritize vaccine administration in accordance with guidance provided in reference 1a above. Beginning 17 October 2005, the TRADOC Surgeon's Office will monitor MEDPROS and begin reporting on all TRADOC units' compliance with the influenza immunization program.
- 4. Commanders should ensure Soldiers receive their influenza vaccination as soon as your Directorate of Health Services makes it available. It is critically important that all Soldiers leaving basic and advanced training sites receive influenza vaccine before departing in order to reduce the likelihood of

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being infected with influenza during travel or leave. This is especially important for IET Soldiers departing on EXODUS leave or transferring overseas.

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